

I guess, up to this point. The fruits of their labor are expressed in the Statement of Vision that all of you have received copies of. If you haven't had an opportunity to review that Statement of Vision recently, I would urge that you do so. LR 276 is intended, at least in part, to provide some kind of a formal legislative action on those broader aspects of New Horizons. So, it's my sincere desire, Mr. President and members, that the work of elaborating the vision for Nebraska's future and the broad strategies which are necessary to reach that vision continue for many, many years to come. This process has not gone unrecognized or unnoticed outside our borders. We have been very innovative in Nebraska in this process. New Horizons was recently presented with the 1990 Innovations Award by the Council of State Governments, one of eight projects in the United States to receive such recognition. Several states are now initiating and copying Nebraska, they are initiating and actually pursuing several similar projects, using New Horizons, incidentally, as a model. So, the resolution directs the Research Division of our Legislature to work with an increasingly broad number of citizens during the interim to refine and test the Vision Statement and some of the strategies, and then to report back to the Legislature, no later than December 1, 1990. I anticipate that the updated report probably would be much like a state for all ages. However, having said that, Mr. President, I would urge the body to adopt the resolution at this time. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Withem, please.

SENATOR WITHEM: Just very briefly stand in support of the resolution that Senator Barrett is bringing to us today. One of the things that tends to be lacking in a legislative body, in the midst of all of our daily frustrations of dealing with getting amendments adopted, legislation passed, votes counted, lobbyists dealt with, is a sense of where we're going in the long-run. And I think, if anything, that the New Horizons project has offered that to our Legislature by identifying some concerns that people have in the state, and moving us in a direction of addressing some of those. The other thing I guess maybe the New Horizons project has talked about somewhat is that process, in many ways, is as important as the ultimate project, and that not every problem that is out there necessarily has an LB attached to it that is the ultimate solution to it. For instance, the ability of the Nebraska citizens to communicate with their Legislature probably won't be impacted by any bill we